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THE TENEBRIONIDÆ OF THE UNITED STATES.*—This long neglected family of beetles, of which the meal worm is the type, have at length obtained justice at the hands of Dr. Horn. This extensive group is remarkably developed in California, where the author devoted four years of field work before sitting down to work up the family. As the result he has succeeded in bringing before “the student of our fauna as nearly a correct list, with synonymy, of all our species as possible, with short descriptions and synoptic tables whereby all our known species can be readily recognized, rendering it necessary to refer only doubtful or new ones to those having typical collections for proper comparison.”

The author states that the classification adopted is substantially that of Dr. LeConte, with such alterations as the further study of the family seems to indicate, “and while the systems adopted by LeConte and Lacordaire are so widely and fundamentally different, the arrangement of the genera is very strikingly similar.” Dr. Horn finds what seems to occur throughout the animal kingdom, a remarkable parallelism between the “individual genera of many widely separated tribes.” In concluding, the author gives a bit of criticism of much significance at the present day. “If this paper can in the least aid those whose collections are in disorder, in properly systematizing their species and appreciating the difference between the genera and species, and above all, if it will succeed in preventing them, should they ever aspire to authorship, from creating genera and species unnecessarily, I shall feel that I am amply repaid.”

Entomologists are under great obligations to the author for this elaborate revision, and its publication will undoubtedly infuse a greater interest in this and other families of less known beetles.

THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST† has entered upon its third volume, with improvements in its size, paper and illustrations. We rejoice in the assured success of this useful and interesting journal and trust it will be liberally sustained on this side of the border. It will interest readers in the Northern States as much as in Canada.

* Revision of the Tenebrionidae of America, North of Mexico. By George H. Horn, M.D. From the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society. Philadelphia, 1870. 4to. pp. 151. With 2 plates.

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